

implement this section must ensure compliance with mandates of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the United States Department of Transportation.

(a1) Carrier Registration. – A ~~for hire~~ motor carrier may not operate a for-hire motor vehicle in interstate commerce in this State unless the motor carrier has complied with all of the following requirements:

(1) Registered its operations with ~~the Division by doing its base state.~~

(1a) Done one of the following:

a. ~~Filing~~ Filed a copy of the certificate of authority issued to it by the United States Department of Transportation allowing it to ~~operate transport regulated items~~ in this State and any amendments to that authority.

b. ~~Certifying~~ Certified to the Division that it carries only items that are not regulated by the United States Department of Transportation.

(2) Verified, in accordance with subsection (b) ~~or (e)~~ of this section, that it has insurance for each for-hire motor vehicle it operates.

(3) Paid the fees set in G.S. 20-385.

(b) Insurance Verification for Federally Regulated Motor Carriers. Verification. – A ~~for hire~~ motor carrier that operates a for-hire motor vehicle in interstate commerce in this State, State and is regulated by the United States Department of Transportation, ~~and designates this State as its registration state must obtain a receipt from the Division verifying that each for hire motor vehicle the motor carrier operates in any jurisdiction is insured. To obtain a receipt, the motor carrier must apply annually to the Division during the application period and state the number of for hire motor vehicles the motor carrier intends to operate in each jurisdiction during the next calendar year. The certificate of authority issued to the motor carrier by the United States Department of Transportation is proof that the motor carrier has insurance for its for hire motor vehicles.~~

~~The motor carrier must keep a copy of the receipt in each of its for hire motor vehicles. The motor carrier may transfer the receipt from one for hire motor vehicle to another as long as the total number of for hire motor vehicles operated in any jurisdiction and in all jurisdictions does not exceed the number stated on the receipt.~~

~~A motor carrier may operate more for hire motor vehicles in a jurisdiction than stated in its most recent annual application only if the motor carrier files another application with the Division and obtains a receipt stating the increased number. A motor carrier that obtains a receipt for an increased number of for hire motor vehicles must put a copy of the new receipt in each of its for hire motor vehicles. The new receipt replaces rather than supplements the previous receipt.~~ Transportation must verify to the Division that each for-hire motor vehicle the motor carrier operates in this State is insured in accordance with the requirements set by the United States Department of Transportation. A motor carrier that operates a for-hire motor vehicle in interstate commerce in this State and is exempt from regulation by the United States Department of Transportation must verify to the Division that each for-hire motor vehicle the motor carrier operates in this State is insured in accordance with the requirements set by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

(c) Trip Permit. – ~~Insurance Verification for Nonregulated Motor Carriers.~~ – A ~~for hire motor carrier that operates a for hire motor vehicle in interstate commerce in this State and is exempt from regulation by the United States Department of Transportation must verify to the Division that each for hire motor vehicle the motor~~